GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:137
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2002
WLL TECHNOLOGY
DUKHA BHAGAT;LAXMAN GILUWA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of providing telephone facility by WLL is not being done as per the target fixed in each State;

(b) the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the target fixed during last year and the current financial year and the extent to which these targets have been achieved; and

(d) the system for providing telephone facility in areas not electrified?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PR MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 137 FOR 27TH NOVEMBER, 2002 REGARDING WLL TECHNOLOGY.

(a) No, Sir. The work of providing telephone facility by WLL system is as per target.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The target for WLL Connections was not fixed in the year 2001-2002 by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). However, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited provided 58464 VPTs, 1.33 lakh DELs in Rural area and 64101 DELs in Urban area on WLL system during the financial year 2001-02.

The targets for WLL Connections for all Telecom circles for the year 2002-03 by BSNL had been fixed at 11.94 lakh DELs, including VPTs, out of which 1.75 lakh DELs in rural area and 23209 DELs in Urban area and 34971 Nos. of new VPTs have been commissioned till 31.10.2002.

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) achieved the target in the year 2001-02 of 50000 lines capacity-commissioned each at Delhi & Mumbai in 2000-01, out of which 37553 lines in MTNL Delhi and 41503 lines in Mumbai are working.

For the year 2002-2003, 1,00,000 (one lakh) lines expansion each in Delhi & Mumbai has been planned to be commissioned by MTNL.

(d) As per policy of BSNL, Solar panels are provided with Village Public Telephones.

However, DELs in Rural areas over WLL are not provided with Solar panel as a policy. In case the subscriber has his own source of power and is willing to take the WLL connection the same is provided.